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Practitioner's Docket No. 6350-2-1-CON

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Baker, John L.
Application No.: 10/038,108 Group No.: 1638
Filed: 10/19/01 Examiner: Unknown
For: IMPROVED RAMIE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment, and a Statement Under 37 CFR 1.809(b)(1) for this application.

STATUS

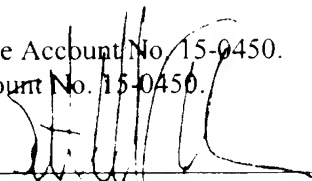
2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. No extension of time is needed.

If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 15-0450.
If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 15-0450.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the claims of application number 10/038,108, filed October 19, 2001 which claims priority from application number 09/319,197, filed June 2, 1999, now abandoned. As the total number of independent claims remains fewer than three and the total number of claims remains fewer than twenty, as the basic filing fee allows, no fee is believed to be due at this time.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please add the following new claims:

6. (new) A root of the plant of claim 5.
7. (new) A method of propagating the *Boehmeria nivea* (L) Gaud plant of claim 5, comprising the steps of: